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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION SECSTATE BEIRUT JIDDA KUWAIT LONDON TEHRAN  
USUN ADANA ISTANBUL IZMIR FROM ANKARA APR 10

QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L ANKARA 2730

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PBOR, IZ, KU

SUBJECT: KUWAIT- IRAQI DISPUTE

1. KUWAIT CHARGE APRIL 10 INFORMED US HE HAD RECEIVED  
INSTRUCTIONS AND GUIDANCE EARLIER THAT DAY RE DISPUTE  
WITH IRAQ, AS FOLLOWS:

(A) KUWAIT INTENDS TO RESIST FIRMLY PRESENT IRAQI DEMANDS  
FOR ISLANDS OF AL- WARBAH AND BUBIYAN:

(B) KUWAIT IS WILLING, HOWEVER, TO NEGOTIATE ISSUES  
RAISED BY IRAQ ON CONDITION THEY ARE RAISED WITHIN CONTEXT  
OF 1932 AND 1963 BORDER UNDERSTANDINGS, WHICH ACKNOWLEDGED  
KUWAITI SOVEREIGNTY OVER THESE ISLANDS;

(C) ONLY THEN WOULD KUWAIT CONSIDER SOME KIND OF LEASING  
ARRANGEMENT FOR ISLANDS;

(D) IN ADDITION TO GOING TO ARAB LEAGUE, KUWAIT MAY RPT MAY  
SOON BRING MATTER TO SECURITY COUNCIL.

2. CHARGE ADDED THAT HIS GOVT WAS DISAPPOINTED WITH US  
AND UK SILENCE ON MATTER. HANDLEY  
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